

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action Claim 16 was objected to, but that claim has now been cancelled thereby obviating the objection.

Also, in paragraph 2 of the Office Action the Examiner pointed out an objection as to form, while also suggesting that changing the term “a signal” to “the signal” in the last clause of Claim 2 would overcome that objection. By means of the foregoing amendment Applicant has so amended Claim 2 and, therefore, it is believed that that claim is now in good form with respect to 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response to the rejections of the claims as being anticipated or obvious, primarily in view of the Takahashi patent, Applicant’s undersigned counsel conducted a telephone conference with the Examiner, at which time it was agreed that the insertion of the word “together” in the next-to-last line of Claim 2 would overcome the prior art rejections of that claim. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 2 to specify that the signal output line and a reset control line together comprise a single line. Thus, Claim 2 concludes with the phrase:

“wherein the signal output line....and a reset control line for controlling said reset means, together comprises a single common line in said unit cell or between two adjoining unit cells.”

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this revision to independent Claim 2 overcomes the prior art rejection of Claim 2, and that the added limitation “or between two adjoining unit cells” is supported in the Specification at Page 30, lines 4-10.

For these various reasons Applicant submits that all of the claims as now presented are allowable, and the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is solicited.

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